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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of ) Group Art Unit: 2308  
KEIICHI KATAYANAGI ET AL. ) (Parent Application)  
Application No.: Unknown )  
Filed: August 12, 1996 )  
For: SPEECH SIGNAL TRANSMITTING )  
AND RECEIVING APPARATUS )  
WITH NOISE SENSITIVE VOLUME )  
CONTROL (AS AMENDED) )  
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Examiner: I. Chowdhury  
**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

***In the drawings:***

Applicants respectfully request that they be allowed to amend Fig. 3 of the drawings to correct the text in the decision box referenced as S10 from "PITCH FLAG = 0?" to --PITCH LAG = 0?-- as shown on the attached red-lined drawing. The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the proposed amendments to the drawings as set forth above and in the attached letter to the Official Draftsperson. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added to the drawings.

***In the claims:***

1. (Twice Amended) A speech signal transmitting and receiving apparatus comprising:

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